

The weekly Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study meeting is held Thursdays at the Ecology Headquarters building in Lacey and via teleconference. Along with Ecology staff, attendees include military personnel from the [Emergency Management Division](#) (EMD), and staff from Washington [Utility Transportation Commission](#) (UTC). The following is a summary of the **August 21, 2014** discussion:

#### **Project Status and Review**

The team is further developing agendas for the Sept. 9 and 10 informational and p.m. Sept. 10 and Sept. 12 tribal meetings. Invitations for all but the September 12 (will go out Monday) government to tribal government meetings went out Tuesday, Aug. 19.

ERC consulting is preparing to submit preliminary findings and recommendations to Ecology at the close of business today.

Public meetings are tentatively scheduled for October 21 in Lacey and October 23 in Spokane.

#### **Washington Utility & Transportation Commission Update**

The Federal comment period for the PHMSA NPRM on rail safety issues began and UTC is working to combine Ecology and other agency comments into one document by Sept. 2. The document will go to the Governor September 15.

#### **Emergency Management Division**

A survey was recently sent to fire chiefs in key cities along rail routes. So far the majority of the feedback is consistent – they don't feel they have adequate resources or training to properly respond to a crude oil derailment.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- September 9 (Tumwater and Spokane Valley) and September 10 (Tumwater) Study Information Meetings (by invitation only) – expanded expert information gathering meeting
- September 24 – Study presentation and discussion at Washington State Emergency Management Assoc. Conf - Spokane
- September 26 – Study presentation and discussion at Olympic National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council - Aberdeen